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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2002, Applicants request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks and withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants respectfully petition for a 3-month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office action, including August 28, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 10 and 11 without prejudice. Applicants will pursue the cancelled claims in a related application.

Please amend Claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) A method for determining the expression of a gene in a plurality of

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